



Are you ready to see some of the most beautiful scenery in the world all while working a detail in one of the most unique wildland firefighting organizations in the country? BLM (Alaska Fire Service) is looking to fill multiple 120-detail positions for GS-8 and GS-9 helicopter managers to support the Galena, Tanana and Upper Yukon Fire Management Zones located in Alaska.

The AFS Zone's boundaries encompass some of the most diverse and stunning landscape in the world. BLM in Alaska is almost entirely roadless, because of this the Alaska Fire Service relies heavily upon aviation to support its fire program. While working for AFS, Helicopter managers can expect to gain a wide variety of opportunities and a wealth of experience.

For most of the fire season the two Galena Zone positions are based in the remote Yukon River village of Galena. At approximately 93.5 million acres, Galena is the largest BLM AFS Fire Management Zone. It covers an area in Western Alaska from the North Slope south to the Yukon River; and from the west coast east to the border of the Tanana Zone. The Zone operates a remote field station during the fire season. Facilities at the Galena field station include a dispatch center, housing and dining facilities, a maintenance shop, and a warehouse. Food and lodging are provided at the AFS barracks on Fort Wainwright and in Galena. One position will manage the Type 3 helicopter, a AS350BIII and the other position is the relief helicopter manager who will be expected to cover both Zone's helicopters as needed. The other zone helicopter being a Bell 205A++.

The start date for both details is May 23. Contact Galena Zone AFMO Dustin Widmer for more information at dwidmer@blm.gov or (907)356-5626.

The Tanana Zone is looking to fill 1-2 detail positions to manage our light Aerostar and medium Bell 212 helicopters based at Fort Wainwright, beginning late April/early May and mid-May, respectively. The zone encompasses approximately 44.3 million acres in the northern middle section of Alaska in between the Galena and Upper Yukon zones. The Zone stretches from the North Slope south to Denali National Park and west of the Dalton Highway to the Colville and Koyukuk rivers. Missions are not restricted to these geographic boundaries, as the zones work closely with each other to coordinate aviation support when and where the needs arise.

For any questions or further information contact David Bloemker (AFMO) at dbloemke@blm.gov, 907-978-2565. Branden Petersen (FMO) at b5peters@blm.gov, 907-356-5574.

The two positions supporting the Upper Yukon Zone are based in Fort Wainwright. This Zone encompasses approximately 51.9 million acres east of the Tanana Zone to the Canadian border and from the North Slope south to Chicken. During times of high fire activity in northeastern Alaska, the Zone will staff a turn-key remote field station in Fort Yukon. When staffed, personnel at this field station coordinate movement of tactical and logistics resources for this area in conjunction with Zone personnel operating at the AFS facilities in Fort Wainwright. Food and lodging are provided at the AFS barracks and dining hall. The Fort Yukon Zone managers are based out of Ft Wainwright but depending on the fire situation, both managers will be expected to base out of Fort Yukon.

One position will Manage a Type 2 helicopter a Bell 212HP and the other position is the relief helicopter manager who will be expected to cover both Zone's helicopters as needed. The other zone helicopter being a AS350BIII.

The start date for the Upper Yukon details is May 16. Contact FMO Abe Davis for more information at r1davis@blm.gov or (907)356-5558.

To qualify for the GS-8 you must meet Red Book Standards for Assistant Helicopter Crew Supervisor. Applicants may be considered who are HEBM(T) and ICT4(T)

To qualify for the GS-9 you must meet Red Book standards for Fire Helicopter Crew Supervisor.

The closing date for the details will be January 31st.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to broaden your horizons both figurately and literally.